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'Being Different, Belonging Together'

Friday 5th October 2021

Dear Parents,

It was lovely to see so many of you in person during Parent's Evening and share with you how amazingly the children have settled in to Year 5.

This term our topic is 'Stargazers', concentrating on our Solar System and the fascinating effects on our own planet. We hope this will be fun and we have lots of exciting activities planned.

Homework

Most of the children are now in a good routine completing homework, with a maths activity set, normally on a Monday, which will be due in the following Monday. A worksheet will be handed out as well as a copy being uploaded to Seesaw – children can upload their work or hand it in to class. We are trying to cover all bases and ensure that everyone has access. There will also be extra tasks related to our topic to engage the children and grown-ups too! This term we would like the children to record the phases of the moon (a recording sheet will be sent home.)

We had a fantastic day of TT Rockstar at the end of last term and the improvements to the speed and accuracy of the children's Friday Times Table Challenge highlighted how valuable it is to practise! Mr Cook has set up some Year 5 'vs' Year 6 battles, so please encourage your child to log-on and rise up the Rockstar Ladder – just 10 minutes a day can make a huge difference.

Reading

Reading at home continues to be a focus and it is essential that children record their time reading in their reading diary. I have been impressed with the increased commitment and enjoyment the children are getting from reading and am very proud to see so many children close to their first reading award milestone of a BRONZE badge. During Years 5 & 6, it is so important for children to read every day to consolidate and extend their basic skills, become fluent, confident readers, build a vocabulary of words and concepts, and most importantly be able to comprehend increasingly sophisticated texts. It is a transition from 'learning to read' to 'reading to learn'.

Year 5 children are expected to **read at home 4 times per week as part of their weekly homework** – this should be at least 10 pages – the children should mark the pages read from / to in their reading record.



If you think a child maybe the victim of abuse or neglect, contact Lincolnshire's Children's Services Customer Service Centre 01522 782111 or www.nspcc.org.uk; www.ceop.gov.uk to report a concern. **It's everyone's responsibility.**

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PE

As the Autumn weather changes it will be essential that the children have clothing for both outdoor and indoor PE lessons and a suitable **roll-on deodorant** is also a good idea from Year 5 onwards.

PE will be on a Thursday morning this term as the children are swimming on a Monday.

A reminder that school PE kit should be worn, not football shirts/kits. Suitable footwear is also required for outdoor games. A change of footwear and suitable socks are very important as many of the lessons will be on the field. It is advisable to leave earrings and jewellery at home on swimming and P.E. days.

Please support your child by ensuring they have their named P.E. Kit in school.

Curriculum Overview.

Maths – Multiplication/Division/Measurement (Perimeter & Area)/Statistics

English - Non-fiction reports / Fiction Adventure

RE – Community (Islam)

Topic (Science/Geography/History/ICT/ D&T/ Art)- Stargazers

Water Bottles.

Please can you send your child to school with a water bottle to keep in the classroom. This will need to be taken home and washed regularly.

We value the role that parents/carers play in education and hope that by working in partnership with you, we will be able to fully support your child's learning and help them to achieve their full potential. Should you have any queries or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Kind Regards,

Mrs C Hearn



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